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all right now for what was in the book and some of the things I figured out along the way I'm going to skip the first part of the book which has to do the father of American psychological warfare Edward Lansdale interesting guy but he doesn't make the cut in the interest of time but it did give an interesting story first couple of chapters anyway that the book really opens up about Laos because Laos was the issue not the atomic time and what Kennedy was being told of Eisenhower told Kennedy that it would have to intervene in Laos the communist forces de peppa law reinforced by North Vietnamese regulars were getting controlled of Laos and its land a lot by a bunch of important countries Cambodia Thailand and South Vietnam and all the trailers of those countries could have seriously threatened the existence of all those the entire South East Asian Peninsula and so the Kennedy says not want to do that I'd rather work out a neutral solution in Laos and so they told him okay if you want to do that we're going to have to knock the snot out of them first and then negotiate from a position of strength we even really have it in full Laos and are the pro-american forces and Laos are prepared to do that goomy's forces and pro-american forces and Laos it will take them about three days to cut two pieces of the pipet Lao and we'll be fine and so what happened was the National Intelligence Estimate saying that was written in order to tell

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saying that was written in order to tell the policymakers like the President and then others what the situation was and I did that by the way for around a century years on the stage I sat at the table at the CIA the Intelligence Estimates that represented what I do in the agency on lots of them anyway in this in this particular case there were two army officers present who works for the chief army system season staffer intelligence who came from the north vietnam desk and they told the drafter abbot smith i said mr. a i didn't put his full name on my book it says mr. a but i know he was the giraffe sir that the estimate was very flawed that we had intelligence for a much higher level everything he's talking about signals intelligence and human intelligence that showed that foodies choose to lose easily and see and so but abbott refused to clear the room of the unclear folks and the estimate went forward as written and so the this fight occurred and it took it took the pet pet allow about three days to actually it was much of a fight after a few shots the foolish force is broken ran through their rifles down and found across the river what so penny was told a full story this is actually what was happening and that was not shown for shared with Kennedy I know well anyways this even from back there this looks very bad doesn't it here's North Vietnam here's Laos and this is Soviet airlift thank you Soviet Air Lift and they are putting thousands of North Vietnamese regulars down there with the pack that allow all over Laos just before this this battle that

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just before this this battle that they're telling Kennedy that's been it the Fugees forces are going to win so they're telling him a complete lie about what's going to happen here and not letting as though this is what's happening okay and so after the laws here's one of Kennedy's first press conferences I can't I can't make any bigger but there it is he's got a pointer and standing in front of a map allows telling the public what happened now we're in real trouble because it got the plain of jars they've got they got everything and so now backed up against the corner Kennedy does do what Eisenhower told him to do he authorizes this huge buildup of forces we had something like a called Desert Shield before the war in Iraq will back then there was for your codename was anyway the same thing every ship in the Pacific sail for the Gulf of Siam and about a hundred thousand Marines they're going to come way to shore assuming the plan 5m co-plaintiff I've got a way to shore across Vietnam and then a huge airborne force to be dropped in there into the mountains of Laos and so that's going on now Kennedy has blinked he said no and based on faulty intelligence he said yes backed up against the wall and so all these guys around him the generals in the Pentagon and the folks over at the CIA they saw Kennedy change is mine okay guess what's happened while this is going on Cuba alright so on just wait just wait up for Cuba yeah I just put it on applause so what's happening is and I have to race to the end of the story

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have to race to the end of the story because I otherwise I'm going to talk for an hour on the Eisenhower administration I'm a whole build-up for what we now know was the Bay of Pigs disaster so Kennedy comes in if the plans already on the table and he agrees to go along with the released initially to be briefed about it in ever says no basically since yes but what's happening is it's based on lies again he is told by the Pentagon Chiefs and by the top people at the CIA that this invasion this brigade of exiles will succeed when they land and he is told also that there will be a general uprising across the entire island against Castro that was known to be false I have the documents I've actually got a FOIA lawsuit going to get some more of them out of the city CIA they figured out before Kennedy was even elected that that lot that that that idea of an uprising was complete crap who was never going to happen and along the way the other part of it whether or not the exile Brigade force would succeed upon the beachhead they knew the paragon knew and told the truth for exactly one meeting their very first meeting with Kennedy it will never work the CIA plan and in the paramilitary plan and it can't possibly succeed in his Castro's forces and which was having all kinds of support and tanks and artillery and a lot more equipment by the month during this time and so they told him the truth it'll never work well about at the second meeting when Kennedy starts the murdering and folding his arms and not saying it very much trying to keep his cards close to the vest they read him correctly if they don't stop telling him if they don't stop

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stop telling him if they don't stop telling him the truth about Laos and Vietnam he's going to he's going to abort excuse me Cuba he's going to abort Cuba and he's going to go neutral again for four wells and so they lied about on both fronts and the worst part of the story is the air cover he probably doesn't know anything about the pigs have heard about the fact that we cancelled the air strikes that was going to take out Castro's Air Force and that is true and the president was part of that so it was the Secretary of State near us but the part that I never learned before that I now know about but I wrote about it in volume 2 of my present series and I added a section to the original jet a Vietnam on this that the Joint Chiefs had deliberately helped raise questions about the need for any air cover now these are generals that that were at Normandy and injured in the Pacific and knew that any amphibious operation would fail without air cover okay and so what they're what they're up to was to push Kennedy into a corner and make him blink just as he had thought on Laos the idea was to get the brigade on the beachhead and have them being slaughtered and present that to the President and say what are you going to do and they their calculation was that he would have to change his mind sit in the Marines in the Air Force that was the plan and what happened was he didn't blink and they got stuck down the bridge said Castro was ready with all of his tanks and as artillery and Kennedy didn't authorize the Marines and the Air Force to go in and that was the beginning of the end [Music]

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[Music] the national security apparatus is like an earthquake he's going to fire everybody at the CI is going to fire all the cheese except for Shu the Marine Corps commandant he was the guy that like Kennedy Kenny like them they're all that igloos their jobs they know it and things are going to change drastically but what it does is going to is everything is going to go to Vietnam after that right Cuba's gone Laos has gone but I need to tell you a few things here and there about that one thing okay let's go to debate patience or less yeah that's what happened to the big main supply ship that's where all the weapons and ammunition work go ahead Jay keep going half of those killed on the beach were all put in jail okay the scope now jfk's was not a wimp okay you know what this is Carl in which had one Charter that's it and the Soviets that started pressuring him and freshmen in 61 they put up the fence which later became the wall and we're threatening to try and cut off West Berlin and they what you're looking at here the American tanks facing the Soviet tanks and it's all you need is a throw a match into that right and the first tank that went backwards was a Soviet tank okay so Kennedy sent him right through East Germany and had Johnson on the ground waiting there to welcome him there and a couple other generals so Kennedy was ready to go to war over Berlin he was not somebody who was

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Berlin he was not somebody who was afraid to go to war so he didn't see the reason for doing it in Vietnam you didn't see the reason for doing it in Cuba either I would have broken a lot of trees and any in any event I just thought that that picture tells a thousand words right there let's go probably just yeah number nine so Vietnam is the place and what's happening for the rest of the Year 1961 is but his advisors are banging on his desk that sends its troops that we've supposed to go into Laos a sentiment of Vietnam and he won't do it he says no over and over and over again as I know I know this is really nice girl yeah so what happens is Kennedy needs to get this guy who he brought in to investigate the Bay of Pigs later he'd been fired in the Eisenhower administration or it's not important Kennedy brought him in and it's going to make a terminal joint use of staff eventually but he sends him to Vietnam at the end of 61 with the express job going there and coming back with the recommendation not defend combat troops and so he go Taylor goes to Vietnam comes back and recommends sending combat troops under a flutter release code they've got there was floods and they were very angry with general Taylor about that and Kennedy planted the story there are time saying that Taylor had recommended against sending combat troops in any event what we have done here is to reach a climax okay Kennedy is really alone in his administration everybody wants them to go into Vietnam you won't do it he says Taylor out there with a job to help them do that Taylor doesn't do that so Kennedy basically explodes you can

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so Kennedy basically explodes you can put the gist the pause slide on here what he does eventually is called the Thanksgiving Day Massacre he's already fired most of the Chiefs and now he fires and CIA and now he fires just about everybody in the State Department that anything's going on and then he brought the people he had fired into the Oval Office and all the replacements into the Oval Office and they're sitting there waiting and he comes in and really short and so he says now I want one man to take charge of my Vietnam policy who is it going to be if you you need to get with my policy or you get out and mcnamar puts up the sand just as I'll do it present Aldo and so from that moment on we have a presidential directive and Sam 263 which will look at a little bit later excuse me not to succeed 111 which is that there I think you've got it in your on your package and he creates McVie the military assistance command Vietnam to beef up the the military advisory group in Vietnam and a lot of helicopters a lot of equipment in the Seine going around the halls with Pentagon's we can have anything we want but combat troops and that was the truth it was a line in the sand and the Joint Chiefs were so angry about it that they sent him in that what I call a stink bomb of a memo in January through McNamara who was in defense secretary McNamara said he refused to sign as we sent it on to the President Kennedy what it said is mr. president you need to send six combat divisions to Vietnam right now and if you don't do that everything from Tokyo to New Delhi is going to fall and there you need to

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going to fall and there you need to really embrace that and understand what that what that means that's pretty bad right the only thing worse I can think of is they're coming across the Rio Grande or something you know really that's saying a whole lot that the free world in the entire East Asian landmass is going to go under and so within that context a Kennedy said not only no but hell no I'm not doing it um and we'll bear that in mind as we go through 62 and 63 because it's only going to get worse but that was the day we drew the line in the sand and Sam 111 defined his policy we will not American eyes the world we will help the Vietnamese South in these do their to win their war but the problem is how many did Homer you've got three options in Vietnam right we go in and we play fight the war for them number two we help them fight the war number three we withdraw well option one is off the table lion and sand option to help them well that won't work if there's too many Vietcong and that's the whole issue now what you're going to tell McNamara Kennedy about the Vietcong how many are there and whether they don't how we doing here okay so right about at the time of that that JC JC a stink bomb something funny begins to happen it's really not funny but I call it the optimistic interlude it was just wait till the fact Channel TV that you for the first thing so the third set the secretary defense conference the new ambassador melting and general Harkins who's commander of this new organs Mac V military assistance command Vietnam they kick off the conference it's in the Honolulu and they say we're winning in Vietnam

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Vietnam now the advisers that candy was sending over there had hardly arrived at or maybe a hundred of them intense insight on airport so how do we go from the entire East Asian landmass going down the toilet a few weeks later to we're winning the war flying about that line the whole situation is now changed it's going to stay that way this optimistic interlude will last until two days before the Kennedy assassination that's the days are going to tell the truth about what's happening so at that same sect that conference though McNamara's sitting there waiting for the intelligence chief it lacked me to come up and get his briefing now this guy was put in a place put in the job for the intelligence intelligence chief because he didn't know anything about intelligence he was a sac bomber you know nothing about round order of battle and counterinsurgency knew nothing he was just a yes-man you do what he was told by Harkins and so Winterbottom goes up there and gives some statistics for the Vietcong three different ones ranging from 12,000 to 28,000 now McNamara's is visibly upset by he knows ten to one 28,000 times 10 equals 280,000 and evade itself hidden in the Army is 150 170 they're having a hard time giving up 270 so what that means it would mean is is that option to stillborns won't work so he's got all these different sub mattresses why you have all these different figures how come we don't know what it is and he says because we don't have any good order about old people which just about brought the Chiefs out of their chairs they got all kinds of innovative people all over the world and so McNamara gets

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all over the world and so McNamara gets very upset and he says okay before I get on my plane tonight I want the names of our vessel or battle people everywhere and that's when Bill Bennett got a little out of his job and in acts II and and and George Allen got pulled out of VI a loopy che got pull out a user pack and all these drug guys were great all of a sudden had to leave their families and go out there to Saigon the plus up was already a new and tells us effort out there and for six weeks under the direction of Alan and Benedict they went through all 44 provinces of South Vietnam and did it order about it on Vietcong and we'll get to that in a minute we're going to bring up like football at that point everybody knows football knowing you know battalions and regiments and all that stuff is a little different than touchdowns and field goals right so I've done this in my classes a lot so it really works if we play football to be with you tell this estimates it makes a lot more sense anyway one thing I did go ahead and put that bursting the the truth was getting out of the user pack bulletins back to one person in Washington we know for sure the vice president his military aide Colonel burrs was sending him and this is just one example I have like eight or nine of them in the book that has the exact statistics on how bad it is to what's going on on the battlefield but not McNamara and not the

president but the vice president he knows what's going on and that's a very disturbing thing in the middle of this study go ahead and put up 14 yeah it's in your packet but this is a great quote he was a really really good economist Keynes inna constant that Kennedy liked and relied on to put

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Kennedy liked and relied on to put together his economic team so I'm looking into now for volumes really burners but but anyway he sent them off to be ambassador to India but he kept corresponding with Kennedy and it's about this time the Kennedy sent him out to Vietnam he does send them once or twice during 62 and Galbraith writes in this letter the Soviets couldn't be more pleased to have it spent our billions of these jungles where does us no good in them so arm it's specially who is the man your administration decides what country speak I would like to have his name and address and asked him what is so important about this real estate in the space age you know and that's calibrate that said that's the way he was and and so Kennedy was actually holding he agreed with him and called a meeting and read and figure it out real fast he better keep his mouth shut so everybody jumped on him and said no you can't do that you can't turn turn around what we're doing and so we said okay you know my bad and but you can split what you do get out of this it you do see Kennedy's intent and what he's going to do is just be quiet with it okay and so the game goes on and so we come to the next the next set def the conference all right where's my interns there we go I got two of you right you have something right right right on it yeah it could just be on the back of a piece of paper doesn't matter we're going to play football here okay well I'll give you mine I've got it here okay good book right with looking to the first thing this is the the map that was used at three McNamara we call the measles map and I got this guy totally classified it for me on the spot when I asked for that see him Agent Washington but this was the falsified map they falsified all the figures I'm going to show you that in that couple of slides but when they walked in the night before McNamara got there for the command

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McNamara got there for the command rehearsals they had forgotten these two these are four body sheets of plywood and that had these maps on and they forgot to adjust the map the map still held all the real Vietcong forces everywhere and Harkins says oh my god we can't show that the McNamara which made him subtitle in chapter 13 and and so while everyone had to sit there and watch in front of the entire command Harkins gives the orders while Winterbottom's of emptiness Lafayette especially this stuff that's the akan control and they put it all white stuff you know government control all around Saigon and and I had when I witness it was there the NSA guy was there bill Colby and later became as a wreckin CI he was actually in the room that day and I could say his name out his name was actually Kahn blend and it's a tech rep he was there that day and I actually worked with him and had to say and he he told me yeah I saw it I saw what they did that day and so yeah they they this this looks bad enough right but it was no worse than this this is the falsified map that they actually shelled the messenger let's go to the next slide okay now this is the pertinent part and I believe I'll put this in your packet too if you can't read all this stuff up here this is a comparison of the Vietcong operations in the field versus the South Vietnamese government forces okay and you really have to look at this thing pretty closely to see what's going on here so here we have the bad guys the review of Vietcong military activities since for tabled is a 62 since 14 April there have been no BC operations of Lords of the pint-size not the largest one they had was only 50 guys present Vietcong organized strength automated 16,500 ah it was 50,000 finally cut down

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16,500 ah it was 50,000 finally cut down to sixteen thousand five hundred now why do you think that these Harkins is using that number let's go ahead and x @n what do you come up with number one hundred sixty-five thousand which is just the size of the Caliphate in the environment now let's go over to the good guys world Vietnamese Armed Forces since 21 March there's been 40 operations the title looks like we're not going to battle them or just get them along with 400 field goals you know and Air Force has done this and so on so you've got one field goal versus forty touch thousand four hundred and several hundred field goals it's

not a contest is it and this is what's being briefed the math Ameri but it goes very perceptive among you will notice the baton so if I went home and said the honey was the football game that james maslow is pretty good you know we really did really well in the second half you know we got if we got all these in the touchdowns and stuff my wife I said well what happened in the first half right maybe we have pretty wrapped up with that football team for several years I did now since 14 April so we here we are and basically end of the first week in May right so since 14 April till the end of the first week in May how many weeks is that roughly three okay now that's the bad guy going to be getting three weeks of data for the bad guys now now for the good guys since 21 March up to about the others we can make how many weeks is that about 36 it's got both halves of the game but you don't get the first half of the game for the VC so guess

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half of the game for the VC so guess what the guys that CMH gave me these maps let's put the next one up and this happens to be a map of spring 60 to vidcon operations in the field Wow okay so Connor you're going to be the guy who writes down we're not even those who field goals were just those in touchdowns and then and Simon I just want you to write down the dates and be prepared to give us a range of dates at the end of that okay so here we go okay [Music] forget that here's 6 April so one hash mark for a touchdown - April 13 April 9 April to a prolonged a prolonged stay less 11 touchdowns Wow and they range please March 29 to the first half of the game what does that look like even as to a non-military person where are these attacks occurring in South Vietnam everywhere you know what we call that in military terms I'm all ffensive it was the largest offensive of the war to date they've just wiped out of the books eliminated by this fancy de Rais thing so not only did they cut the numbers down to sixteen thousand five hundred but they just lied about what the Vietcong was actually doing the breadth of the length of South Vietnam to the Secretary of Defense he went out onto the tarmac to get on display notices

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the tarmac to get on display notices I've never been sewing cards and all my visits with McAfee so I was happy that that the kite CMH could back up the exact story that these officers told me that they did and that's when I said chapter 13 McNamara got that is not let me go from here okay now battle that back go ahead and put that that's light on so there's a it's going to be 19 there was a battle where two companies which is about a less than 300 Viacom ripped up a three the patents of South Vietnamese ground forces supported by the ninth tab our most elite air assets in Vietnam we lost a lot of Americans we lost five helicopters and that one right there is the command ship of the night cap on the ground of the Battle of that back at the press conference afterwards the Press reporters were asking tough questions and arkinson come on get on the team you know and so but it was too late this the you know the truth was getting out in the press Kennedy was asking for unfiltered access to all the cables coming out of CIA in in Saigon the Central Intelligence Agency was impugning McVie's figures Kennedy was sentient people up like Senator Mansfield and others and they came back telling the same story it was it was all hell was breaking loose as what was going on in military terms but it wasn't just military what happened of two months later in the spring

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South Vietnam is basically 99% Buddhist and after the French collapse what happened to Geneva 1954 is the country was split in half and all the northern educated french-speaking Catholic Vietnamese came down and took over all the power positions and so what happens in the spring is 62 the Catholics are celebrating their their religious holidays a flag or flags and the Buddhists try to pull those out and they won't let them do it and you're alienating here the entire population of South Vietnam in any event they made some demonstrations and we can go to the next slide now and so they they gassed them with mustard gas and ran over them with armored personnel carriers killing women and children and it caused a huge problem and next one place the Buddhist monks senior Buddhist monks would appear at intersections and they're there their colleagues with doused in gasoline and the guy that healeth the match himself we were doing this about one a week through the late spring and summer of 1963 so the political bottom fell out in South Vietnam

because of the Buddhist crisis now when I first wrote volume 2 what I knew of the Kennedy withdrawal plan was that he was going to trick a lot of thousand guys during the election campaign of 1964 in order to silence the left the people criticizing him for goodness in there in the situation in the first place and then pull everybody out in 65 after the elections so the people on the right side of the aisle couldn't argue against him that was his plan but the Buddhist crisis changed everything now he needs to get he needs to control the first 1000 immediately in order to put it in concrete and he needs a recommendation to do that and so he sends Taylor again at this time with McNamara to Vietnam let's see I'm like

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McNamara to Vietnam let's see I'm like no no we're going to just pause here so they go out there and again the mission is to go out there look around go around the countryside talk to peasants and count their thoughts the chickens and stuff and come back and say we can get out and out we're winning the war so what what Kennedy wants to do is to take story of success for which he was the target to prevent them from pulling out and judo style use it as the excuse for pulling out we're winning good we can come home out so they do they go out there and they do that and they have this big report that they've written up and about halfway across the Pacific the Deputy Secretary of Defense William Sullivan encounters McNamara the plane and says you can't do this we're not getting out of Vietnam we've got to send more people in it in mekin versus oh yeah right around we'll pick this out of the report he does at a time at the Kennedy Library to look at the McNamara Taylor report and see that indeed is gone the who which role plan is not in the report anyway so they get to the Beck Washington the helicopter lands on the South Lawn they marched in with the big leather-bound book everybody sitting there for a photo op and then Kennedy and McNamara get up people groan go into the room and put the with the put salt on back in the second report now there's a big big catfight it takes place in the White House that day in McNamara is sent out onto the steps we make the announcement but not as Kennedy's but it's his own recommendation in Kennedy actually is going to approve the two days later secretly doesn't want anybody to know he stars that figured out how he's going to play this in the election campaign but he's got pull pull the first alpha now before in 63 or it's not going to ever be able to get him out okay so that's what's changed so let's

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okay so that's what's changed so let's go ahead to go to 263 real quick there is this is the you've got this one insurer in your packet to this middle paradox heaters heat the president approved the military recommendations contained in one be 1/3 of the McNamara report and those recognize our thousand out by in the sixty three and here in this area of the report about 165 now that decision was made on top of the FID the announcement made by McNamara was October the second right she sends McNamara out to make her to make the recommendation that's his that's his opt-ins in on time but secretly because this will fit October usually when you have the presidential national security memorandum it's going to be on the same day it was on the fifth and here they're not putting into writing it's a lot over the eleventh because the intervention is found out and leaked it to the newspapers so Kennedy's National Security Advisor McGeorge Bundy said mr. president if it's in the newspapers who might as well put it down in the document so they did and this is it this is sake but this is the withdrawal order from Vietnam approved by Canada and we go one more and we actually have go back we missed one go back to yeah remember so this is actually minutes of the meeting on the fifth and it's unambiguous the president said our decision not our thinking about that our decision to take this first battle you guys out should not be raised floor with them instead carried out routinely so he doesn't write what he said he's planted secrecy requirement on this for the time being till he figures out what he's going to do so this came out by the way is documents two months before my book with

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documents two months before my book with the galleys nice time for me okay let's go ahead - all the way to 29 so I'm going to have to skim it the assassination of GM the coup is going to take this takes too much time but it happened and required a review of policy obviously when the regime was toppled you have to question

whether it requires a change in our policy towards Vietnam and so that was done at Honolulu on 20 November 1963 McGeorge Bundy was there and he his typewritten notes and sent 273 I have got hold of him and I believe Ali transcribed the telephone transcript of the interview but he acknowledged that it was his his typewriter and this is a this is the first one right case it's a 29 okay Devastator so it's several pages the first part of it is pretty benign doesn't really say very much go to the next page there's something wrong you're just clearly go back I gave you the wrong I'm in 25 yeah that's the that's the final in San this 25 okay this is McGeorge Bundy's typewriter and you can see that Kennedy is one day a wage of a bullet couple of bullets maybe a lot of bullets in Dallas Texas 11:21 63 this is the original version of the end sand that came out of Honolulu and let's go next one drink page two

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and let's go next one drink page two both of these are happy to go ads until you get the paragraphs up that's for additional okay with respect to action against North Vietnam there should be a detailed plan for development of additional government of Vietnam resources not American resources government of Vietnam resources right they put on the table the wars being lost it's critical in the Delta we need to intensify the war effort george bundy knows his boss so he takes back to his boss a recommended version of this ants and this new presidential order where whatever we do against north vietnam is going to involve additional government of Vietnam resources you know what I'm going with the staunch to see these two hash marks in there okay that's not happy too glad that's why get rid of that paragraph completely I said the funny who told you to do that he said Lyndon Johnson and that was on the weekend of Kennedy's assassination let's go ahead keep going up - keep going one more time it was after the assassination now local board it's weekend of the assassination so that would the actual hash marks would have been done after the assassination but the document itself was before right okay hash mark correct he's going around getting everybody's going to the SEC tab is going all the decision makers the policy makers getting their input on his

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policy makers getting their input on his draft and so Johnson told him to get rid of that go ahead this is the final version now remember 26 is Monday Monday after previous Friday when Kennedy got shot let's go next one and paragraph 7 now planning should include doesn't even subjects leave of God nor Vietnam is not even very important but you see here so it came back in but anyway planning should we can heed to do is pretend that you're a war planner that this is the presidential order for what you can do if you're a senior or planner in the Pentagon and this is what you're able to work with and what we want to do is to include different levels of possible increase activity and each instance what's it going to the North Vietnam how can we deny it possible or through retaliation and other stuff so what is it what can you do here but you're in a war plan anything you want there's no restriction on you there's no limiting it to South Vietnam forces let's go ahead and let's live again this one [Music] okay just so you can see you can just look at it if you're a war planner and you see this you can only do certain things you see this you do whatever you want Americanize the war and that's exactly what happens for the weekend's over let's go to the next slide is it going to be this is going to be young so one of the biggest things that came to me in the second edition as we retype as many triples of all general pain in the time

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triples of all general pain in the time between the M Sam 263 and October 1953 and the assassination and what happened in Honolulu general Taylor does two things number one he guts to the 1000 man withdrawal plan instead of real units it's just paper shuffling people coming their assignments are up than other people coming back in so it's just he judged the withdrawal plan that's what he doesn't tell McNamara he tells Admiral Phillip that sink back and others because not tell us boss Magnum arson McNamara and Kennedy are not told that there was your all plans been gutted and Kenny was specific that it had to include real units number two during that same time frame he ramps up a program called up plan 3463 becomes 34a and this is the Americanization of the war about a hundred different operations for little pinpricks through the b-52s

and attacks along the coastline north vietnam and in sam 262 73 version two opens the door but he doesn't tell mcnamara the whole time that he's doing that and mcnamara doesn't know and President Kennedy doesn't know the general Taylor has done a withdrawal plan and put in place was about to happen a week later President Johnson go to listen exploit he orders Marine Corps comm the cruel act he's not the calm that he's a head count of insurgency to go ahead and put the plan together and within a couple of weeks the first u.s. Navy raids against the coast of Vietnam are away okay and the second round of them in early summer is happened in the Gulf of Tonkin you may know about this the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution a blank check from the Senate and the house representatives to President Johnson to go to Wars make war against North Vietnam but it all

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against North Vietnam but it all happened right there in December 63 and it was insane 273 that opened the door for that okay while Kennedy's body was still in the casket in state in the rotunda of the Capitol buildings when Johnson did it and that's it you

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